*Election of President of the Kottayam Municipal Council.*

309. ✻MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints about the way in which any municipal councillor at Kottayam exercised his vote in the last Municipal President's election at Kottayam;

(*b*) the number of Government officers who were members of the council who participated in the President's election;

(*c*) whether any official councillor absented himself from the meeting held for the election of a President; and

(*d*) if so, the reasons for the same?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) three.

(*c*) Yes; the Medical Officer, Kottayam, was absent.

(*d*) Government are not aware of the reasons for his absence.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Are the Government aware that the District Surgeon, Mr. Isac, wilfully absented himself on the day of the election, in order to avoid participating in the election?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Is there any rule that official members of municipal councils should vote in the election of Presidents of Municipal Councils even in spite of their unwillingness or inability?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no rule compelling the official members to vote, nor is there any rule that a particular member should vote for a particular candidate.

*Water-supply scheme at Kottayam.*

310. ✻MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the urgent necessity for a water-supply scheme at Kottayam;

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken thus far;

(*c*) whether the Water Works Engineer has submitted any report to them regarding the same; and

(*d*) if so, will they be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. From the President, Municipal Council, Kottayam.

(*b*) The Water Works and Drainage Engineer has been asked to send up a report devising measures for the supply of good drinking water to the town in consultation with the Municipal Council. The Water Works and Drainage Engineer visited the town in Kanni 1112, discussed matters with the Council in an informal meeting and has since been in correspondence with the President answering the latter's questions and asking for necessary information from the President

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